

13<sup>th</sup> March 2023

**Dear Parents and Carers** 

### Re: Principal's Update – Term 4, Week 3

This week has been a big one for Year 11, as their PPE's near an end, their final written Catering exam took place and they attended their final parents evening. As ever it was lovely to see the hall full of parents and students, listening to what they need to do now, in the final run up to their exams.

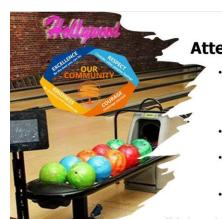
#### Year 9 Football Game

Last week our Year 9 football team took on top of the league Winton. Unfortunately there were a numbe of students unable to play. Some Year 8 students stepped in so the game was able to go ahead. Although Winton walked away with a comfortable win, after the game I received an email from the referee from their side which made me extremely proud of each of the boys that took part. On Friday all boys were handed a personal message from me. The email received can be seen below.

"Good evening Mrs Richley. I wanted to reach out and email you about your Year 9 boys last night. I offered to referee the match for Mr K and I just thought I would email to say how lovely your boys were. We had a strong side out and did win the match, but the boys represented your school so brilliantly. There was no moaning, they kept chasing every ball to the end and I hope they enjoyed themselves. They showed fantastic character to keep competing until the very end. They were extremely polite during the game and afterwards as I walked a few of them to the exit. Sometimes these kinds of matches can be very difficult to referee as tempers can get a bit heated. But it was just a lovely match to referee, and I was super impressed by your boys."

### **Attendance Rewards Trip**

The list is now in for students who have qualified for the attendance rewards trip. Due to the number that met the criteria we may have to run a second day early next half term. All students will be handed letters this week and the spaces will be filled on a first come, first served basis. Once the trip is full all other students will be moved to an alternative date after the Easter holidays.



# Attendance Reward Trip

- Students who have 98% + Attendance over the 4 week period of 6th February to 11th March will be invited to attend the Attendance Rewards Trip.\*
- Date of the Attendance Reward Trip is 30th March.
- Students will enjoy 1 hour of bowling at Hollywood Bowl plus a
- The cost for the trip is £10.

\*Behaviour may influence students being invited to attend the reward trip

#### **Industrial Action**

This week will see the final two days of planned strikes take place. Assuming there is no change in the government's position, the days will run as previously planned with some minor changes for Year 8 and 11.

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### Wednesday 15th March

Years 7, 9 and 10 will work remotely.

Year 8 and 11 will attend until 1.30pm when they are free to leave site. This is a change to the original arrangements. Please complete for the form below if your child is vulnerable and you need them to stay on school site until 3pm.

## Thursday 16th March

Year 7, 8 and 10 will work remotely.

Year 9 will attend the academy as normal. On this day students will be involved in an options taster day. This is ahead of their options evening on that day.

Year 11 will attend until 1.30pm when they are free to leave site.

As always, I am happy to have vulnerable students and those whose parents are key workers onsite. If you haven't done so already and wish for your child to attend, please complete the following survey. This must be received by 3pm Monday.

### https://forms.office.com/e/4aurJ64d3R

Besides the two days of industrial action, we have a busy week ahead. There are Sports, Dance, Spanish and Young Carers trips taking place and Year 11 students have their final PPE and Spanish speaking exams. I wish them all luck.

As always many thanks for your support. If you have any questions please do not hestiate to contact me at <a href="mailto:hayley.richley@oak-academy.co.uk">hayley.richley@oak-academy.co.uk</a>.

Yours Sincerely,

Hayley Richley

**Principal** 



